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The Southern California DX Club

"If you need him get in there and work him"

The Southern California DX Club is a group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

The SCDXC strongly supports the DX Code of Conduct. Please visit their website:

www.dx-code.org

The newsletter is published every month and is released to its members about the first of each month. Amateur and DX related letters, news and pictures are welcome and will be published as time and space permit.

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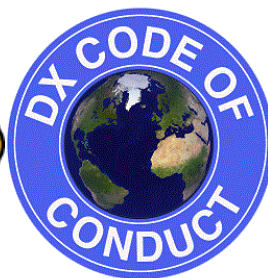
Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except April, June and December.

Please check the club web site for events and details at:

<http://www.scdxc.org>

If you are in the area please say hello on our repeater:

W6AM/R145.48,(-) 100Hz PL



PICNIC!

Hey Boo-Boo - How's About a Nice Picnic Basket?

• Visalia IDXC Reservation Date: June 6th

- Holiday Inn Visalia
- After 10:00 AM

• **Are You Updating Your Standings**

Send your standings to both N6DHZ & N6RV!

• **We Immediately Need**

**Reporters
Articles & Interesting Tidbits**

Making friends all over the world using the magic of Amateur Radio.
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SCDXC Annual Picnic

Sunday June 12, 2011 at 11:00am



The SCDXC Picnic will be held Sunday, June 12, at Woodley Park, Grove 1, in Van Nuys. The club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, drinks, and paper goods. Bring a side dish and your appetite! Talk in on W6AM/R 145.480Mhz PL 100.00hz.

We will have our special raffle board for a chance at a Yaesu FT-450D! The spots will be \$10.00 each. Square sales start at the March meeting.

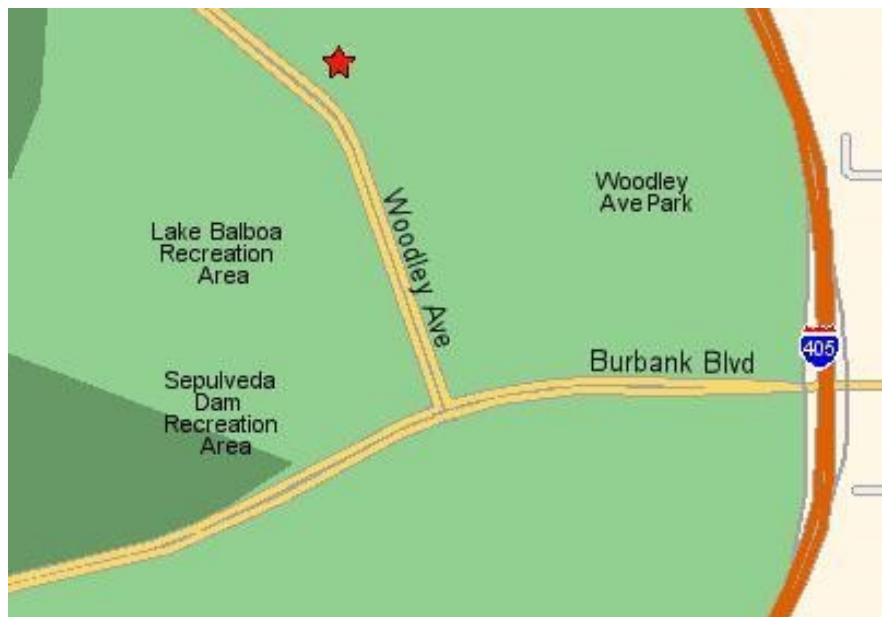


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From the south exit the 405 freeway at Burbank, this is the first exit past the 101 Fwy. Turn left (West) onto Burbank travel about 3/4 of a mile to Woodley Ave. Turn Right at the stop light and go north about 3/4 of a mile. The entrance to the picnic area and parking lot will be on the right (East) side and is just north of the entrance to the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant.

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See you there!



THE PREZ SEZ

John Schroeder, N6QQ,
President – Southern California DX Club
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Hello Everybody!

Many thanks for the talk by Dr. Bruce Edgar, AB6BJ. Understanding HF propagation science from people involved in the science of the phenomena is really something. I now have a better idea of the Great Conveyor Belt (plasma currents) and what the currents called meridional flows are about. At least I understand why spots are always reported as even numbers.

Thanks to Larry, K6YUI and Ernie, N6HY for helping running the May meeting raffle. It was a great success as always! Is everyone satisfied with the prizes? Please let Bill, N6RV, know what you would like to see among the selection.

The June month has three contests to look into:

For the VHF fans - ARRL June VHF QSO Party -- June 11-12

For the CW fans - All Asian DX Contest CW - June 18-19

For everyone - ARRL Field Day - June 25-26

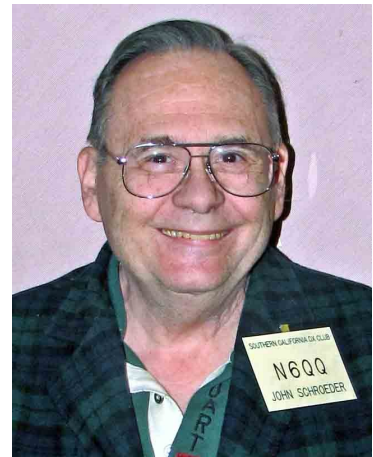
Ready for FOOD? I hope to see everyone at the June 12th Picnic. Larry, Ernie and Keith are ready to cook the goodies. Kris, Mel, Doris, myself, and the rest of the board will be assisting as well as anyone who is willing to throw in with these few these brave few.

If you have a extra ICE Chest - we could you use the extra ICE for the drinks and keeping the cold things cold.

Also bring your shekels. The picnic prize is a Yaesu FT-450D. It makes a great portable radio!

See you at the Picnic.

73, John N6QQ President, SCDXC



Treasurer's Report

Club financial information is available on request. Contact the treasurer.

Officer Guidelines

The revised version of the Officers Guidelines is available on our website. See the hyperlink below.

Code of Conduct

SCDXC endorses the the **DX Code of Conduct**
See the hyperlink below.



*Thank you Bob, N6TV, for the use of
your wonderful photographs!*

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http://www.scdxc.org/download/Officer_Guidelines.pdf

DX Code of Conduct

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Hello Fellow DXers!

This issue is a little light, some would say it is just right. The time spent composing an article this month was interrupted by a 16 day trip to the British Isles, France, and Ireland. Beckie and I went on a bus tour through England, Scotland, and Wales as well as a day trip to Paris on the Euro-Rail Chunnel and a three day trip to Dublin. Unfortunately the Queen Elizabeth II did not consult us regarding her itinerary. Her entourage interrupted our visit to my homeland. Dublin was locked down tight as a drum with 10,000 police and 4,000 military on the beat. To add insult to injury the Guinness Storehouse was closed. This was not out of respect to the queen rather because she was going to visit there and have a pint! We had to lick our wounds in a local pub while indulging in that dark ale with the locals. The Guinness facility is one of the highlights of Dublin. They produce 8 million gallons of the stout daily, 4 million gallons for export and 4 million gallons for domestic consumption. That is pretty impressive for a country of 4.5 million people. Can you do the math?

It was a little disappointing to see only two antennas on the almost 2000 mile bus trip. The first was on top of one of the military buildings in London. It looked like a KLM antenna with no rotator. The second was an A3S on a 40 foot tower in the Scottish Highlands. The hams there must be pretty stealthy.

The reports that came in regarding the May meeting were positive. Bruce gave a bang up presentation on the sunspot story. It is always good to stretch your understanding a bit. I also heard that a handheld was raffled off and one individual made off with a digital camera and a label maker.

As expected DXpeditions have fallen off slightly this month. The rising costs seem to be taking their toll. There are three 6 meter DXpeditions scheduled for June. Check out the Rumors column.

The weather is perfect for antenna projects. I hear someone is waiting on a SteppIR DB-42 to replace his DB-36 that is going to another member. Hopefully everything will be up and going for the Fall season!

We will see all of you at the June picnic! It will be a blast!

73, de N6RV Vice President SCDXC

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New DXer Resources

New DXers Handbook

http://www.udxa.org/attachments/148_New_DXers_Handbook.pdf

DXer of The Year

Congratulations
Mel K6SY!

Clipperton Award

Congratulations
David N6RI!

New Members

Please welcome new members:

Tony Randel
K6BBC

Ron Resnick
W2DXX

Paul Gussow
W6GMU

Peter Arninge
SM5GMZ

Jerry Lewine
K6QU

Gabriel Calfas
K6AWB

Peter Narins
K2IXQ

Gene Brewer
W5DQ

Rick Crosmer
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Linda Souder
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Barry Fitshe
N6VOH

Mary Gray
KH6VZ

Timothy Coker
N6WIN

Make sure you
meet and greet
them at the next

RUMORS ON THE BAND

A plethora of announcements, rumors, and serious DX fun

The Big DXpeditions for this month are [Cocos-Keeling](#), [Curacao](#), [Saba](#), & [St. Maarten](#). Note that the Caribbean operations are focused on 6 Meters. The sporadic E season is upon us. The operators going to various new entities are seasoned 6 meter DXers with several DXCC entities under their belt both worked and operated from. Jimmy, W6JKV, has made annual treks to the Caribbean during E season to hand out QSOs to as many as he can. Mike, K6MYC, too has travelled extensively to operate six meter DX. Llewellyn "Pat" Rose, W5OZI, of Junction, Texas, is the recipient of the Fred Fish Memorial ARRL Award (FFMA) #2. FFMA #1 was awarded posthumously to Fred Fish, W5FF (SK), himself. This award was created in honor of Fred Fish, W5FF (SK), a legendary VHF+ operator who became the first amateur to work and confirm all 488 Maidenhead grid squares within the 48 contiguous United States on 6 meters.

Those new to six meters please read the articles in past newsletters regarding the idiosyncrasies of the Magic Band. In particular please observe the DX Code of Conduct. If you can't hear them you can't work them. Many hear a lot better than others. Please give them the opportunity. Every local is loud, particularly those on hilltops. You are also loud at their QTH. If there is a rare opening please refrain from working local stateside stations minimizing unintentional interference.

If you have to work the double hop stations understand that even 5 watts does the trick. In an opening during F2 season JA stations were run reliably with only 1 watt. This is one band where "I do not have time for QRP" does not apply. Please be considerate. The openings are short. Please refrain from rag chewing, particularly with the DX. Minimize the QSO time. Give only the bare essentials. Know what is on the band by using either DX Sherlock or ON4KSTs website. You can chat to the DX that is on at ON4KSTs website. For the most part every Dxpediton will be there.

Have fun and enjoy this E season! So far it looks like it will be a great one. Remember WAC has been achieved in one E season and many rare stations have been worked over some very unique paths!

T6PSE - Afghanistan

Given that many in the region are a bit disturbed at the loss of their cult hero to a well trained group of individuals the DXpedition was cancelled in the last minute. Most of us have mixed emotions about losing a valued DXpedition. I dare say some would have continued on the quest. Fortunately the ever safety conscious team leader, Paul, realized that it was for the best. Let me think... a rare DX entity activated or the end of a 10 year hunt for America's most wanted. OK ... I opt for the latter!

Blue Information indicate particularly rare entities and **Red information** indicate SCDXC member attended DXpedition. As always you have to turn on your radio to work them.

Useful DX Sites

N0HR DXpedition Map
www.n0hr.com/wk34/

The DX Zone
www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

The Daily DX
www.dailydx.com/

Announced DX Ops
www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

DXing.info
www.dxing.info/dxpeditons/

DX 425 News
www.425dxn.org/dxped/

Dx-info.de
www.dx-info.de

DX Italia DX News
www.marioi2mqp.it

DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar
<http://www.dx-info.de>

Call	QTH	Start Date	End Date	Information	Website
VK9CI	Cocos Keeling Isl.	Now	6/7/2011	VK6YS mostly PSK and some RTTY	-
JW1EOA	Svalbaard	6/10/2011	6/15/2011	LA1EOA SSB	-
MJ/EA1SA	Jersey Island	6/12/2011	6/17/2011		http://www.gdgdxc.net/channel_islands/index.php
MU/EA1SA	Gurnsey Island	6/17/2011	9/12/1901		http://www.gdgdxc.net/channel_islands/index.php
FO/M	Marquessas	6/18/2011	6/22/2011	F6CTL SSB RTTY PSK	-
8Q7LR	Maldives	6/21/2011	7/2/2011	RA9LR 40 - 10 SSB	-
PJ7	Sint Maarten	6/22/2011	7/4/2011	W6JKV & K6MYC Six Meters plus HF	-
PJ6	Saba	6/22/2011	7/6/2011	K5AND, W5OZI, K5TR Six Meters	http://dkhanson.com/pj6/
PJ2	Curacao	6/26/2011	7/7/2011	DJ8NK, DJ9ON DK9KX Six Meters	-

DX ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrate the Successes of Our Fellow Members!

Thanks for the Submissions!

Harvey, W8DX, sent in his impressive standings. Few members have 8 Band WAZ. Furthermore Harvey is missing only 11 zones on 160. His DXCC standings are equally impressive. Almost every band is over 300 and he has 252 on 80. Now I have got to get his recipe!

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings (N6RV)

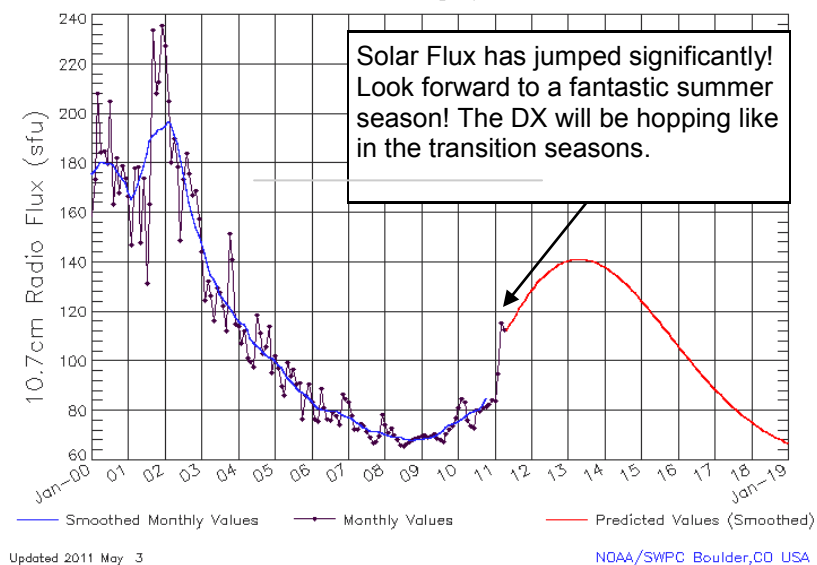
The first of the two large numbers represent the number of confirmed zones on the 9 HF bands 160-10 (less 60 meters). The next column contain the following codes:

M **Mixed**
P **Phone**
C **CW**
R **RTTY**
5 **5 Band**

If you have any information to post please email me:

N6RV@SCDXC.ORG

ISES Solar Cycle F10.7cm Radio Flux Progression
 Observed data through Apr 2011



WAZ STANDINGS

	9B / 5B	Awards
EU7SA	355 / 200	M/5
N6AW	355 / 200	M/P/C/5
WA5VGI	352 / 200	M/P/C/5
W6VX	352 / 199	
W8DX	349 / 200	M/5
K6FG	347 / 197	M/P/C/R/5
W6SR	342 / 200	M/P/C/5
K6YUI	337 / 200	M/P/C/R/5
W6YOO	303 / 200	M/P/C/5
KC6X	283 / 200	M/C/5
K6YRA	280 / 200	P/5
N6RV	270 / 183	M/P/C
K6LD	271 / 172	M/P
KR6C	281 / 169	M/C
KJ6Y	261 / 172	
WD6L	248 / 200	M/P/5
K6SY	246 / 173	P
W6ZPL	237 / 173	M/P
K6GXO	227 / 193	M
AD6KQ	226 / 164	
N6OU	220 / 200	M/5
N6DHZ	214 / 160	P
KH6DX/m	210 / 184	
NS6C	/ 198	
N6MXU	155 / 193	
K2PLF	191 / 191	
K6KII	191 / 177	M
W6IRD	181 / 147	M/P
W6NRQ	180 / 147	M/P
K6IRD	154 / 126	M/P
WA6BOB	152 / 136	M
K6IRA	118 / 102	
W3SE	102 / 112	
K6VC	96 / 96	P
W6EA	92 / 86	
N6VNI	86 / 64	
KA6TTV	82 / 67	
N6UC	78 / 78	M
N6GIL	49 / 43	
W6DCK	40 / 40	P
WB6PSY	40 / 40	P
K6JW	40 / 40	M/P
KT6LA	40 / 40	
K6YR	39 / 39	
NZ6L	36 / 36	
N6HE	35 / 35	
W4EF	29 /	
N6AWD		M
N6HC		M/P/C
KB6KTV		P
W6OES		M
K8RD		C
K6UNR	/ 200	M/P/5

DXCC STANDINGS

	TOT / CUR
K6KII	386 / 340
JA1BK	377 / 338
K6YRA	376 / 340
K6EXO	370 / 338
N6UC	365 / 338
K6YUI	364 / 340
W6HT	358 / 338
W6SR	357 / 340
WA6WZO	356 / 340
K8RD	355 / 340
NS6C	355 / 338
N6AW	355 / 337
K6FG	354 / 340
K2PLF	353 / 340
N6RV	353 / 338
K6IPV	353 / 334
W8DX	352 / 340
W6OES	351 / 334
K5KT	350 / 338
K6GXO	350 / 338
KC6X	348 / 339
W6AUG	347 / 340
W6OM	347 / 337
WB6PSY	347 / 336
K6ND	346 / 340
W6YOO	344 / 338
K6LD	344 / 338
W6ENZ	345 / 337
W6KK	343 / 338
W6VX	343 / 338
N6AWD	343 / 336
W6DCK	342 / 336
WA5VGI	342 / 336
N6QQ	340 / 337
EU7SA	340 / 336
KB6KTV	340 / 335
KR6C	338 / 335
N6HC	338 / 333
N6OU	334 / 329
N6HY	333 / 329
AD6KQ	328 / 328
W6IRD	327 / 324
K6UNR	333 / 332
W6QE	332 / 324
KM6HB	328 / 325
KJ6Y	327 / 323
K2IXQ	324 / 325
W6ZPL	317 / 317
K6SY	312 / 310
W6HB	297 / 291
WD6L	295 / 295
N6DHZ	287 / 283
W6NRQ	285 / 281
N7CQQ	268 / 266
N6MXU	268 / 266
N6WIN	258 / 253
K6GEP	254 / 249
K6JW	253 / 251
K6DJ	251 / 249
K6YR	244 / 244
K6HCJ	235 / 235
K6IRD	235 / 235
K6GEP	229 / 226
K6VC	227 / 227
N6VNI	223 / 223
KT6LA	202 / 202
WA6BOB	202 / 198
W6VWV	165 / 165
W6EA	152 / 152
N6HE	152 / 147
KA6TTV	149 / 149
K6OGO	142 / 142
W4EF	132 / 132
WA6NOL	127 / 126
K6LX	125 / 125
NZ6L	27 / 27

SPURIOUS OUTPUTS

Comments, Announcements, and Interesting Tid-Bits Submitted by Members

James McLaughlin, WA2EWE / T6AF (K6YUI)

James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF, was one of several killed in Kabul, Afghanistan on Wednesday, April 27. News sources say that eight American troops and a US contractor died Wednesday after an Afghan military pilot opened fire during a meeting in an operations room of the Afghan Air Corps at the Kabul airport -- the deadliest episode to date of an Afghan turning against his coalition partners, officials with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISF) in Afghanistan said.

Licensed since 1972, McLaughlin was a career US military officer. Bob Magnani, K6QXY, told the ARRL that McLaughlin was just in the US a week ago, visiting his family: "His son Adam, KD6POE, works for me. He told me that his dad had been in Afghanistan and Iraq many times over the past few years, most currently serving as a flight instructor." McLaughlin posted on his qrz.com page that "almost every day, I operate at around 1230 - 1430 UTC. Sometimes I am QRV until around 1500 UTC." As of March 26, 2011, he had logged 4359 QSOs, most of them on RTTY and PSK. -- Thanks to Russ Bentson, K6KLY, CNN and Fox News for the information communications and the three radar for the control of the air space.

(Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of James and the families of the men who died in this terrible travesty. Editor)

Coffee Mug (K6YUI)

Larry displayed a new personalized coffee mug at the May meeting. This cup had both the club logo, name, and his call sign on it. In addition it was a large mug! Cheryl, KG6KTT, of www.uniqembroideryandgraphics.com produces the item. If you are interested Larry is taking names for a bulk order. This will reduce the shipping cost. The price will be \$10.00 plus shipping. Please contact Larry so he can get the process rolling.

Ham Nation (W6NRQ & W6HB)

Leo Laporte's This Week In Technology announces the launch of HAM Nation, a weekly HD video webcast about Ham Radio featuring interesting guests. Hosted by Bob Heil, K9EID, they will cover many fascinating aspects of Amateur Radio each week.

Set your browser to <http://live.twit.tv/> on Leo Laporte's TWIT network Tuesday Evenings at 8:00 pm CDT (Central) May 24. Join us for the initial episode with special guests Joe Walsh, WB6ACU and Dave Jennings WJ6W. Joe has written and plays the HAM Nation theme each week. Please post this information to your club members and nets.

Alcatraz Control Room (W6MPB)

Urban supplied us with a link to this picture of the Alcatraz control room. Notice anything interesting in it? Looks like someone had time to chase DX during the lulls.



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LZ-HF Contest (K6ND)

Dear ham radio friend,

The BFRA, my company Milara International Ltd. In Bulgaria and myself (Krassy, K1LZ) have the pleasure of inviting you to take part in the LZ HF FIELD COMPETITION "PIRIN" – 2011, which would be held on July 01/02, 2011 in PIRIN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.

<http://www.piringolf.bg/>.

This will be one fantastic event because it will take place at one of the most exclusive resorts in Bulgaria. We already have commitments from top notch operators from all over the world. This is going to be a QRP WRTC and the best of this is that all of you are my friends! We will celebrate our friendship and have a good time.

Items of Interest from Urban (W6MPB)

- o The WSM tower joins the National Register of Historic Places:
<http://tinyurl.com/WSMonNationalRegister>
- o Take a photo-tour of VOA -- the largest radio transmission facility in the United States:
<http://radioworld.com/article/119514>
- o The time-tested antenna depicted in the FCC's official seal has been rewired without a Construction Permit. Will the radiation and RFR characteristics be improved? What about sky-wave considerations? Enquiring minds want to know.
<http://www.rwonline.com/article/119378>
- o Here is a time & frequency survey from NIST, the WWV people. If you are interested in commenting on WWVB (their 60 kHz service that sets portable "atomic" clocks and wrist-watches), be patient. The WWVB questions start about half way through the survey.
<http://www.rwonline.com/article/116078>
- o On the history of the NBC chimes:
<http://www.radioremembered.org/chimes.htm>
- o Old time radio: WLW, "The Nation's Station," back in its 500,000 watt days:
<http://tinyurl.com/WLW500kW>
- o This four minute film of the Northern Lights ought to win an Academy Award. Best viewed in HD:
<http://vimeo.com/21419634>
- o This 2-minute video shows a drop of water falling into a puddle at 2000 frames per second with surprising results:
<http://www.flixxy.com/water-drop.htm>
- o Unofficial dose chart for ionizing radiation, clever graphical presentation:
<http://xkcd.com/radiation/>

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Live Earthquake Maps (W6HB)

Access to latest earthquake data. Also note other easy access databases selectable at bottom.

<http://quakes.globalincidentmap.com/>

Special Call II3KNE (W6NRQ)

The "Radio Club Valsugana-Valsugana Servizio Radio Onlus" is organizing on Saturday 18 and Sunday, June 19, 2011 a special event station with ham radio callsign II3NKE at the ex NATO base named "Thunder Base" , near Folgaria (TN, Italy).

At this site, recently restored by the municipal administration of Folgaria and Autonomous Province of Trento as a memorial park, has been recreated a section of surface-to-air missiles "NIKE Hercules", supplied to NATO during the Cold War and located in eleven others Italian Air Force missile bases present in northern Italy and operational until the end of the sixties, under the NATO air defense system of southern Europe.

At "Thunder Base" are three of these missiles, the last remaining in Europe, positioned on the launch pads, while a fourth missile to be dissected and placed in the building for educational purposes.

The special radio station II3NKE will be managed by amateur radio operators of the "Radio Club Valsugana - Valsugana Servizio Radio Onluss" and will operate on all amateur bands HF / VHF / UHF / SHF on Voice, CW, PSK31, RTTY, APRS and Wi-Fi.

A special QSL card created for the event, will be sent via bureau to all amateurs who will contact the station, all the info about the QSL manager will be available online. The activation of the special name II3 NKE is queued to the "3rd Reunion" of ex soldiers who served at the "Thunder Base" and other Italian Nike missile bases during the Cold War period.

The II3NKE amateur radio station will operate from control area IFC, on the summit of Mount Toraro, about 3 km from the launch site, where in the cold war period was installed the antenna for radio communications and the three radar for the control of the air space.

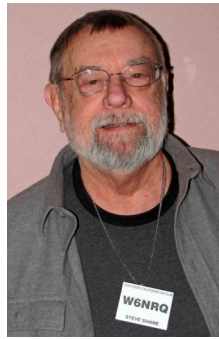
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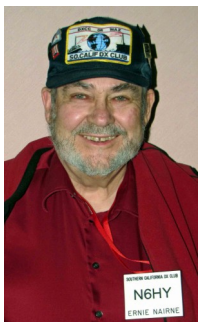
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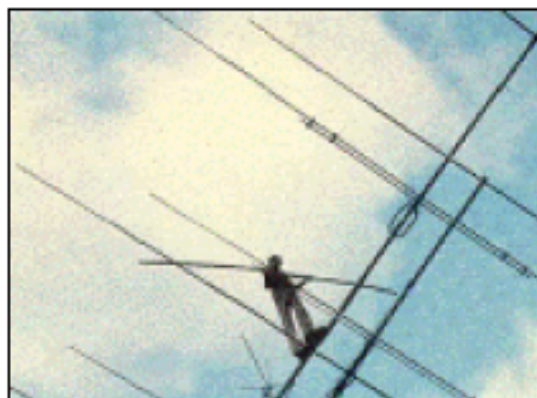
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